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SUBJ: INTERDICTION - ADDERLEY'S RESTRICTIONS ON COOPERATION

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1. MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY'S LETTER IN RESPONSE TO THAT OF SECRETARY WAS IN OUR OPINION, THE SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE REFLECTION ON HIS PART AND ITS CONTENTS WERE GUIDED BY THE OVER-RIDING CONSIDERATION (FOR HIM) THAT NO CONFRONTATION BETWEEN CUBAN EXILES AND EITHER US AND/OR BAHAMIAN POLICE AUTHORITIES TAKE PLACE IN BAHAMIAN TERRITORY AT THIS TIME, I.E. IN PRE-ELECTION ATMOSPHERE. THAT CONSIDERATION WAS OBVIOUSLY SO IMPORTANT TO HIM THAT HE IGNORED BOTH THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT OF OUR REQUEST.

2. ADDERLEY NO DOUBT FEELS THAT BY LIMITING HIS RESPONSE TO AUTHORIZING DESTRUCTION OF FUEL CACHE ON ANGUILLA CAY, HE HAS DEMONSTRATED "COOPERATION", AND AT THE SAME TIME HE HAS INSURED THAT IF WE DO IN FACT ACCEPT THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY HIM HIS PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED I.E. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CACHE WILL ALERT THE CUBAN EXILES, THEIR MISSION WILL BE CALLED OFF, AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT, AND MOST IMPORTANT NO CONFRONTATION WOULD THEN OCCUR BETWEEN NOW AND THE JULY 19TH ELECTIONS. WE SERIOUSLY DOUBT HE IS
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BOTHERED BY FACT THAT OUR ACCEPTANCE OF RESTRICTIONS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY ALLOW CUBAN EXILE ELEMENTS TO GO UNAPPREHENDED WITH REAL POSSIBILITY OF COMMITTING FURTHER MISCHIEF AT SOME FUTURE DATE.

3. WE ARE THUS FACED WITH ALTERNATIVE OF ACCEPTING RESTRICTIONS OR REJECTING THEM. THE EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO

ASSESS FULLY THE CONSEQUENCES OF ACCEPTANCE FOR CUSTOMS AND OTHER US LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN EITHER THE SHORT OR LONG TERM. WE CAN ONLY RECOMMEND THAT IF WE DO, IN FACT, ACCEPT THEM THAT AMBASSADOR JOHNSON BE CALLED IN AT A SUFFICIENTLY HIGH LEVEL AND INFORMED OF OUR SERIOUS DISPLEASURE WITH THE LIMITATIONS PLACED UPON US IN THIS INSTANCE BY HIS MINISTER. IF WE REJECT THE TERMS OFFERED BY ADDERLEY, JOHNSON SHOULD BE INFORMED IN SOME DETAIL OF OUR REASONS AND AT THE SAME TIME BE TOLD OF OUR SERIOUS REGRET AND CONCERN WITH WHAT IN FACT WAS HIS GOVERNMENT'S LACK OF COOPERATION. (CONSIDERATION MIGHT ALSO BE GIVEN TO TELLING HIM THAT HIS GOVERNMENT MUST DISPOSE OF CACHE, EXISTENCE OF WHICH IT HAS BEEN GIVEN AMPLE NOTICE, AS IT SEES FIT AND WITH WHATEVER RESOURCES IT HAS AT ITS DISPOSAL.)

4. WE HAVE REFLECTED ON FURTHER POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING MATTER TO PRIME MINISTER PINDLING AND HAVE REJECTED IT FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: 1. THE PROBABILITY THAT WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO REACH HIM DIRECTLY IN LIMITED TIME FRAME DUE TO HIS OUT-ISLAND CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE AND, MORE IMPORTANT, 2) THE PROBABILITY THAT HE HAS ALREADY GIVEN HIS APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE TO ADDERLEY'S ACTION WITH WHICH, FOR POLITICAL REASONS, HE AGREES.

5. WHATEVER IS DECIDED WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT GCOB NOT BE GIVEN IMPRESSION THAT WE TAKE MATTER LIGHTLY AND THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS BE CONVEYED IN STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS TO THEIR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON.
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